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June 22, 2006

Via Federal Express

Hon. Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: *In the Matter of: Petition of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with NTCH-West, Inc.,*
Case No. 2006-00231

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I have enclosed for filing in the above-styled case the original and eleven (11) copies of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.'s Response to NTCH's June 15, 2006 Letter.

Please file-stamp one copy and return it to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, pre-paid envelope. Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP



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Enclosures

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE
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In the Matter of:

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Petition of West Kentucky Rural Telephone)
Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of)
Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed)
Interconnection Agreement with NTCH-West, Inc.)
Pursuant to the Communications Act of)
1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

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RESPONSE TO NTCH'S JUNE 15, 2006 LETTER

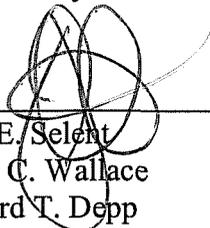
West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("West Kentucky"), by counsel, hereby responds to NTCH's June 15, 2006 letter. On May 31, 2006, after attempting to negotiate an interconnection agreement with NTCH-West, Inc. ("NTCH") for over four months, West Kentucky filed a petition for arbitration in the above-referenced case. NTCH responded by letter dated June 15, 2006, stating that all traffic it sends to West Kentucky is completed through a long distance carrier. NTCH contends it has "no local exchange with West Kentucky."

NTCH is a signatory to the statewide CMRS agreement executed in Case No. 2003-00045 providing for the delivery and termination of traffic from CMRS providers such as NTCH to rural independent local exchange carriers ("Rural LECs") such as West Kentucky. NTCH's participation in this agreement indicates that NTCH terminates local traffic to the Rural LECs, or at least did at the time the statewide agreement was executed. Thus, West Kentucky suspects that NTCH continues to terminate local traffic to West Kentucky. If NTCH had not been terminating local traffic to the Rural LECs, it would not have needed to be a signatory to the statewide CMRS agreement. This voluntary BellSouth arrangement terminates at the end of 2006. Therefore, if NTCH intends to terminate traffic subject to the terms of local interconnection to West Kentucky

after December 31, 2006, then NTCH must execute an interconnection agreement with West Kentucky.

Nonetheless, West Kentucky would be willing to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration only if NTCH is willing to warrant unequivocally that it will not terminate any traffic to West Kentucky that would be subject to the terms of interconnection under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. As such, NTCH must state in a sworn affidavit to be filed with the Commission and West Kentucky that (a) NTCH will arrange for interexchange carriers to terminate all of NTCH's traffic with respect to West Kentucky; (b) all traffic of NTCH that may terminate to West Kentucky will be terminated by interexchange carriers; (c) NTCH agrees that West Kentucky's relationship for the termination of this traffic is solely with the interexchange carrier that obtains terminating switched access services from West Kentucky; and (d) NTCH agrees that all of such traffic will be subject to the terms of switched access with the interexchange carrier and that none of this traffic will be subject to the requirements of Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. Moreover, NTCH must also warrant that it will not deliver, or attempt to deliver, any traffic to West Kentucky via BellSouth's tandem(s) or any other tandem provider unless both NTCH and the tandem provider have put in place with West Kentucky proper agreements, acceptable to West Kentucky, that would cover any such voluntary arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail on this 22nd day of June, 2006, to the following individual(s):

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